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REMARKS

Although Applicant feels that X/Y Alignment Vernier adequately describes this invention, the title has been amended in an attempt to satisfy the Examiner to match the claims.

Applicant has amended the drawing as requested by the Examiner by adding the label "Prior Art." The amended replacement drawing along with a marked up version indicating the change are attached.

Applicant has amended claim 1, to correct a spelling error. The word "then" has been replaced by the word "than" merely to correct the grammar and not to limit in any way the scope of the claim.

Claims 1-26 were pending in this application. Claims 13-26 drawn to methods were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-12 are currently subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 requiring election of a single species.

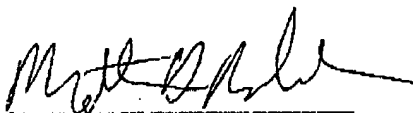
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The instruction to select "one species or one set of drawings of the same species in figures 2-13" did not clearly identify each, or even one, disclosed species as indicated by MPEP 809(a). As Applicant was unable to determine what the Examiner considers to be the various species, Applicant has simply elected to pursue bridging claim 1 along with claim 10. Accordingly, claims 2-9 and 11-12 have been designated as withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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